A method for the synthesis of a dihydroindole C-ring of a CC-1065 / duocarmycin analog wherein the method comprises the 5 steps of:

> Step A: alkylating an aryl halide with 1,3dichloropropene and a catalytic amount of ntetrabutylammonium iodide for forming a vinyl chloride; then

Step B: cyclizing the vinyl chloride of said step A under conditions using tribuytyl tin hydride, catalytic AIBN and toluene as the solvent for forming the dihydroindole C-ring of the CC-1065 / duocarmycin analog.

A compound represented by the following structure: 2.

3. A compound represented by the following structure:

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16. A compound represented by the following\structure:

HN N BOO

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17. A compound represented by the following structure:

5 18. A compound represented by the following structure:

add /

adl > B'